GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DREDGING OF GANGA RIVER
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the expert committee recommendations the Farakka Barrage Authority was to take up dredging of the Ganga river in the up stream of Farakka and construction of spurs No. 28 and 29; and

(b) if so, the progress achieved by the Farakka Barrage Authority on these two major works so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the Expert Committee were discussed in the subsequent meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Keeping in view the favourable development of the flow channel and the results of the model study done by the Central Water & Power Research Station onthe efficacy of providing the two spurs at km 28 & 29 upstream on left bank of Ganga at Manakchak, it was decided to keep a watch on the development of the new channel, rather than taking up dredging work as recommended.